

## Message Text

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R 220712Z MAR 78  
FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9558  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
USMISSION GENEVA  
AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SREF, EAIR, UNHCR, FR, VM, IN  
SUBJ: FLIGHTS FROM SAIGON

1. ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES FOUR "EVACUATION" FLIGHTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR SAIGON DURING THE REMAINDER OF MARCH8  
(A) CATHAY PACIFIC FLIGHT CHARTERED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL PICK UP HK RESIDENTS AND DEPENDENTS ON MARCH 29.  
(B) AIR FRANCE WILL FLY ITS LAST SPECIAL FLIGHT FROM BANGKOK TO SAIGON AND RETURN ON MARCH 30.  
(C) THE UNITED NATIONS (PRESUMABLY UNHCR) WILL ALSO FLY AN EVACUATION FLIGHT ON MARCH 30 (NO FURTHER DETAILS).  
(D) THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT WILL FLY A SPECIAL FLIGHT TO SAIGON ON MARCH 31. (COMMENT: THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ATTEMPTONG FOR SOME TIME TO ARRANGE EVACUATION OF A GROUP OF ITS CITIZENS KEPT IN THE SRV BECAUSE OF TAX PROBLEMS).

2. AIR FRANCE WILL COMMENCE REGULAR FLIGHTS BETWEEN PARIS AND SAIGON ON APRIL 6. (COMMENT: WE HAVE NOTED FROM OTHER REPORTS THAT AIR FRANCE WILL TEMPORARILY USE SAIGON UNTIL  
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AIRCRAFT FACILITIES IN HANOI ARE SUFFICIENTLY IMPROVED.  
THE VIETNAMESE APPARENTLY FEEL THE COMMERCIAL AND TRANSPORTATION ADVANTAGES OF HAVING AN INTERNATIONAL WESTERN CARRIER LAND IN VIETNAM ARE SUFFICIENTLY GREAT TO OUTWEIGHT APPARENT SRV DESIRES TO LIMIT OUTSIDE CONTACTS WITH SOUTHERNERS AND THE LOSS OF PRESTIGE TO THE SRV CAPITAL)  
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